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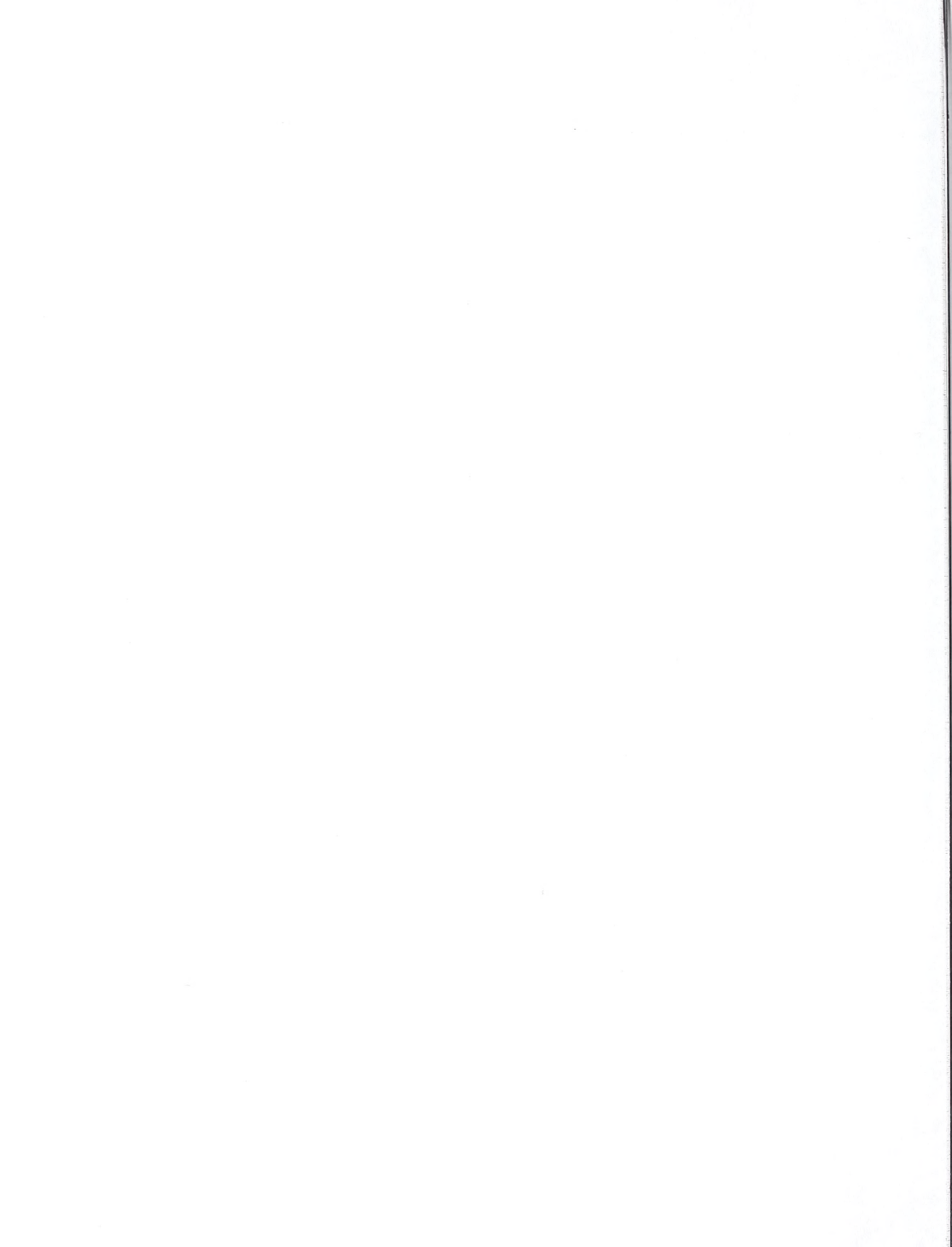
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Foster Park Cabin Replica

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA
1917



HON. W. SHERMAN CUTSHALL, MAYOR

This was done at an expense of \$2,500, half of which sum we furnished from our Park General Fund, the other half coming from the General Fund of the city.

WEISSER PARK IMPROVEMENT.

The cost of the Weisser Park enlargement was \$32,607.25. It was paid for by special assessment on benefited property. The benefit district was a large one, the average assessment per lot being but \$3.50. The enlargement was made at the request of property owners and has given general satisfaction. Much work was done in this park the past year. A fine two-story combined refectory and shelter house was erected at a cost of \$3,300; the seven houses which stood on the recently acquired ground were sold and removed; the cellars under them filled; the grounds graded and seeded; new walks were constructed, and additional shrubbery planted, at a further expense of \$2,000. Much other work was done by our regular park force and further improvement will be made the coming season.

SIELING PARK.

Plans for developing this park, given by Mr. and Mrs. Diedrich F. Sieling, were prepared by Superintendent Adolph Jaenicke and the work of executing them was nearly concluded before the setting in of winter. It will make one of the prettiest of our smaller neighborhood parks. The boulder marker of the General Anthony Wayne Trace, erected by the Mary Penrose Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is embraced within this park.

FOSTER PARK.

Contract was let to construct balance of curbing on the east side of Broadway from the Bluffton road south, completing the parkway on that side of the street. The lateness of the letting prevented the work being done last season. Further filling was made in widening this Broadway approach to Foster Park, and the foot path to the right of the pumping station was reconstructed.

LINCOLN CABIN.

Within this park, at a prominent spot, there was erected last year, an exact reproduction of the rude log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born, February 12, 1809, near the present small town of Hodgenville, Kentucky. In order that every detail of the original cabin might be accurately reproduced, our Board had a firm of Louisville architects prepare the plans and specifications. These were carried out to the minutest detail, even to the exact number of the logs used in its construction. The cabin has no floor, for Abraham Lincoln was born upon the bare ground. It had but one door and but one small window and that without glass. Oiled paper or muslin, which would let in some light, was fastened to the window casing to keep out the cold in extreme weather. About the original cabin in Hodgenville, there has been built, to preserve it, a marble enclosure costing \$250,000 and it is now in the keeping of our national government. The reproduction, as shown upon another page of this report, was erected at an expense of \$463.83 and paid for by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of this city as a tribute to the memory of the immortal man after whom the company is named. The cabin is the source of the greatest interest to all visitors at the park, both old and young, and will stand to teach its lesson of patriotism for a century to come.

LAKESIDE PARK.

The plan of the landscape engineer for the completion of Lakeside Park, contemplated a sufficient depth of water in the lake and lagoons for canoeing and pleasure boating. This they might have had but for a groundless fear that they were needed as a storage basin for storm waters, because of the occasional temporary closing of the two sewer valves at times of high water in the Maumee. After the installation of a large pump to care for these storm waters, there certainly no longer existed any cause for apprehension in that direction, as the 13 foot stage (city datum) that we might wish to maintain in these lagoons and lake, still leaves in them a large storage capacity for storm waters if ever temporarily needed. But

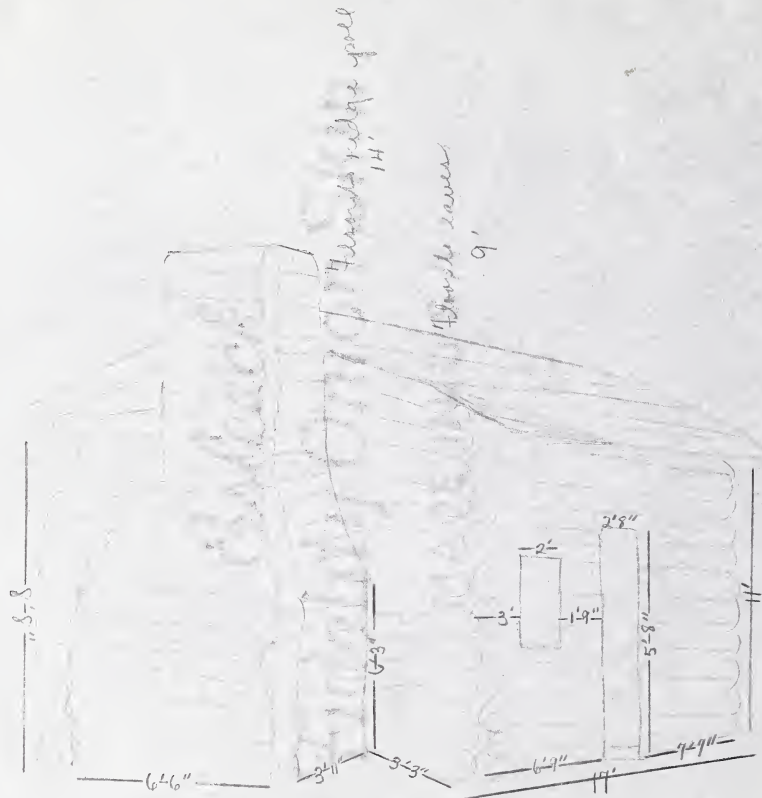


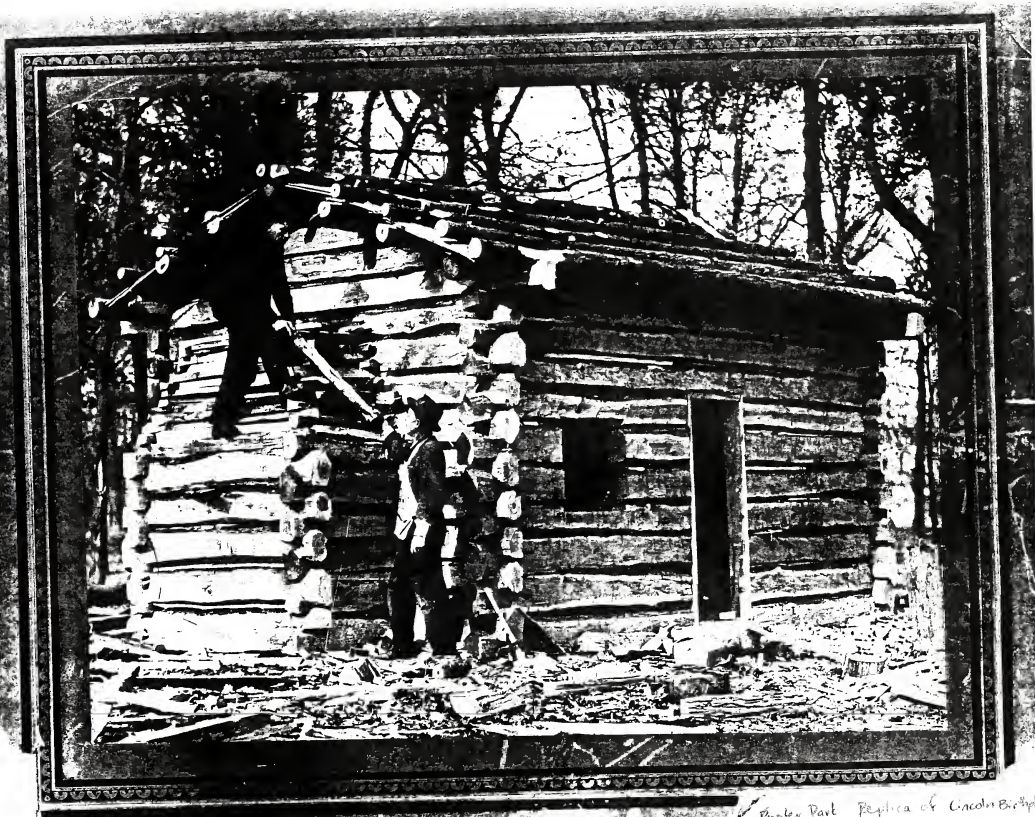
LINCOLN LOG CABIN

This Log Cabin is an exact reproduction of the one in which Abraham Lincoln was born,
upon the bare ground, February 12, 1809.

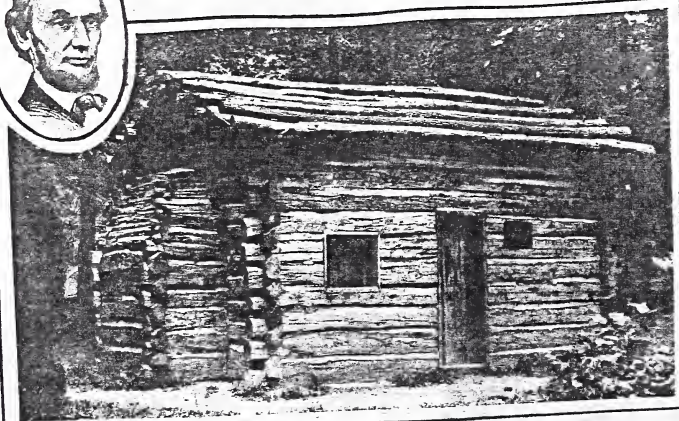


Lakeside Park, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in summer.





Boyer Park Replica of Lincoln Birthplace
(construction - 1916?)
original in oak



Exact reproduction of the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and which replica stands in Fort
Park, a gift to Fort Wayne by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

Drill By D.E. by M. Anderson Bros

*with a view
to the cabin built Oct 4 Nov 1776
John F. Brown from Sweden
1917*

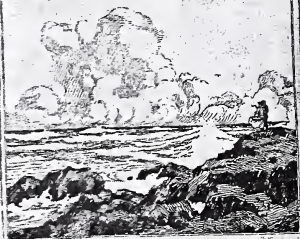
Whose Dead Lie Far Away From Home

A Memorial Day Sonnet

By Margaret E. Sangster

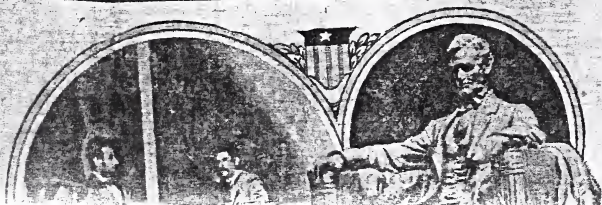
PERHAPS they lie in some vast lonely plain,
Perhaps some churchyard holds them on its breast;
Perhaps, across the sea, they calmly rest,
Where poppies blaze between the rows of grain—
Perhaps a mountain river's mud refrain,
Sings them the slumber song that they love best;
Perhaps the sun that colors all the west,
Smiles over one who may not smile again!

Oh, you whose dead lie far away from home,
Whose loved ones perished in some bitter fight—
Or who slipped peacefully into the Night,
When they had grown too over-worn to roam.
Think not that they are called far away,
Their souls are near the ones they loved, this day



MUCH RUM RUNNING FROM GERMANY INTO SWEDEN

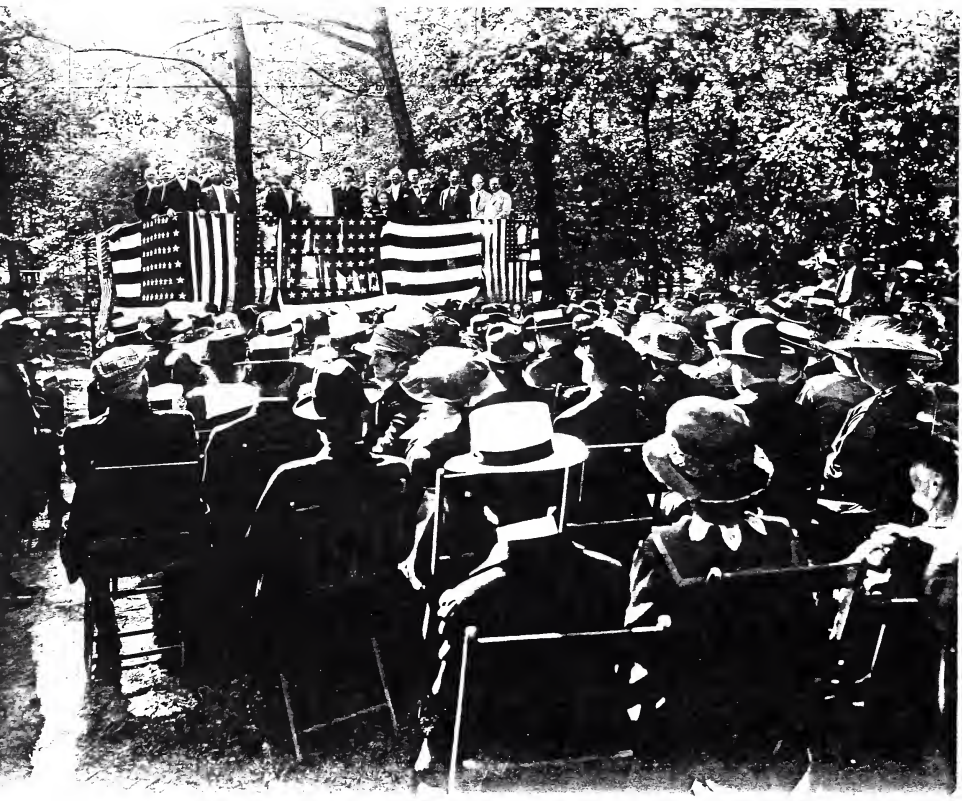
(By Associated Press Correspondent.)
STOCKHOLM.—Rum-running into Sweden from Germany has developed into something like a public scandal, say Swedish newspapers. The broken nature of the coast line and the thousands of small islands dotting the sea approaches are all in favor of smuggling enterprise. The craft engaged in this trade are generally small, fast-sailing schooners, captained as a rule by ex-officers of the imperial German navy. The skippers bear





Replica of Lincoln's Birthplace (Foster Park)

original in safe



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original in 306



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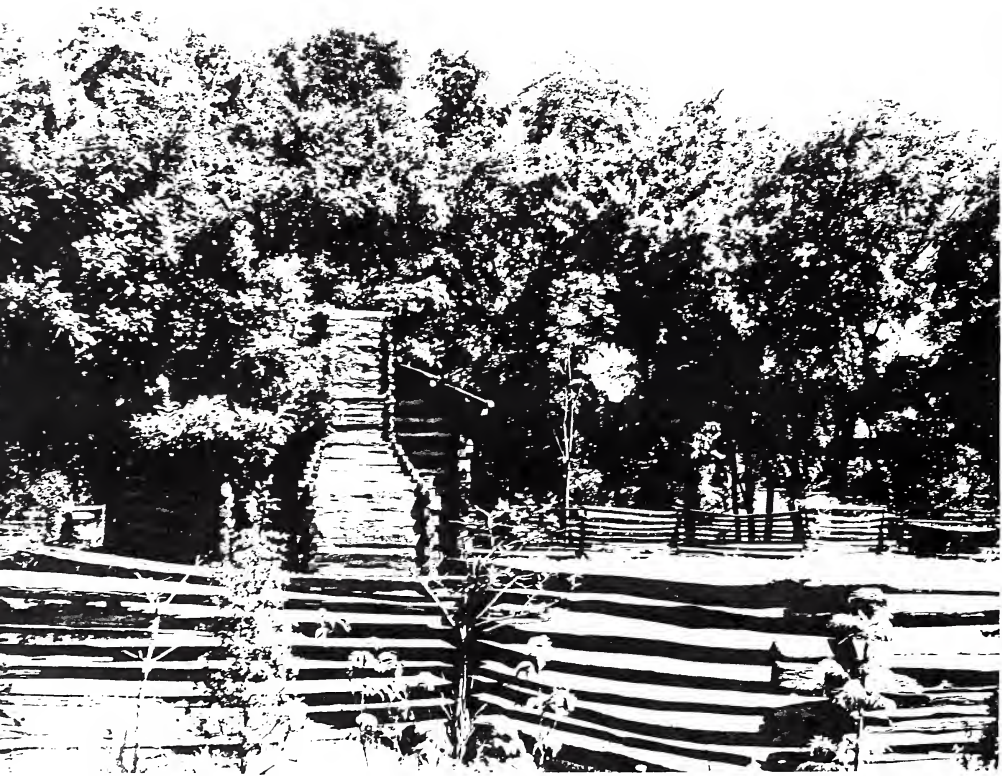
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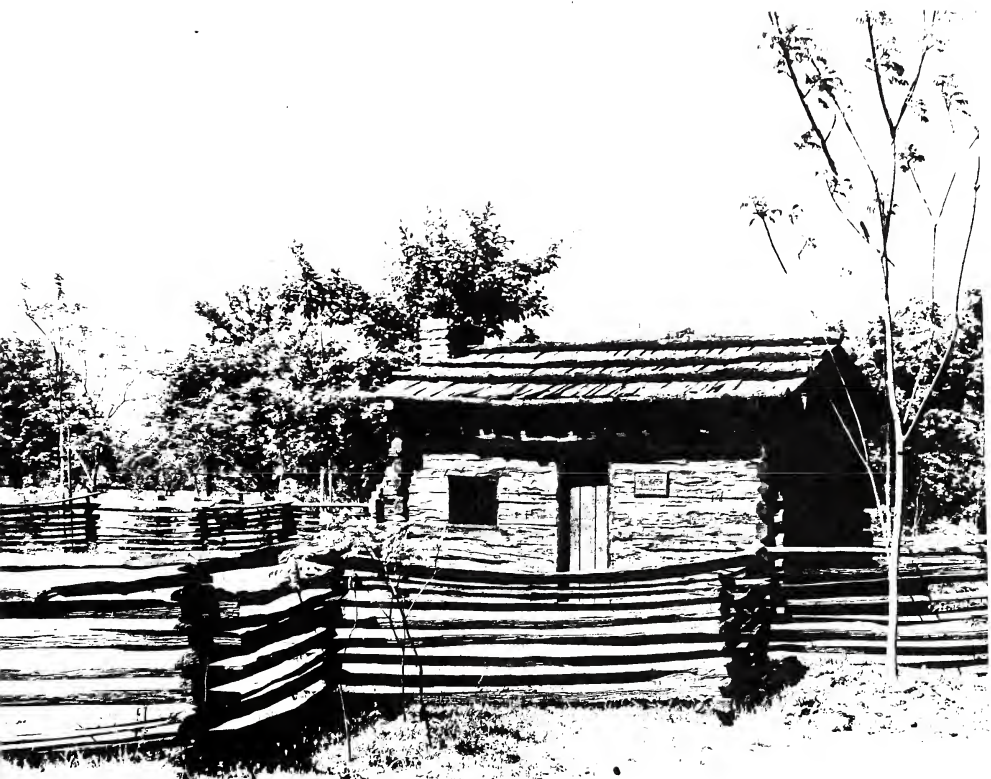
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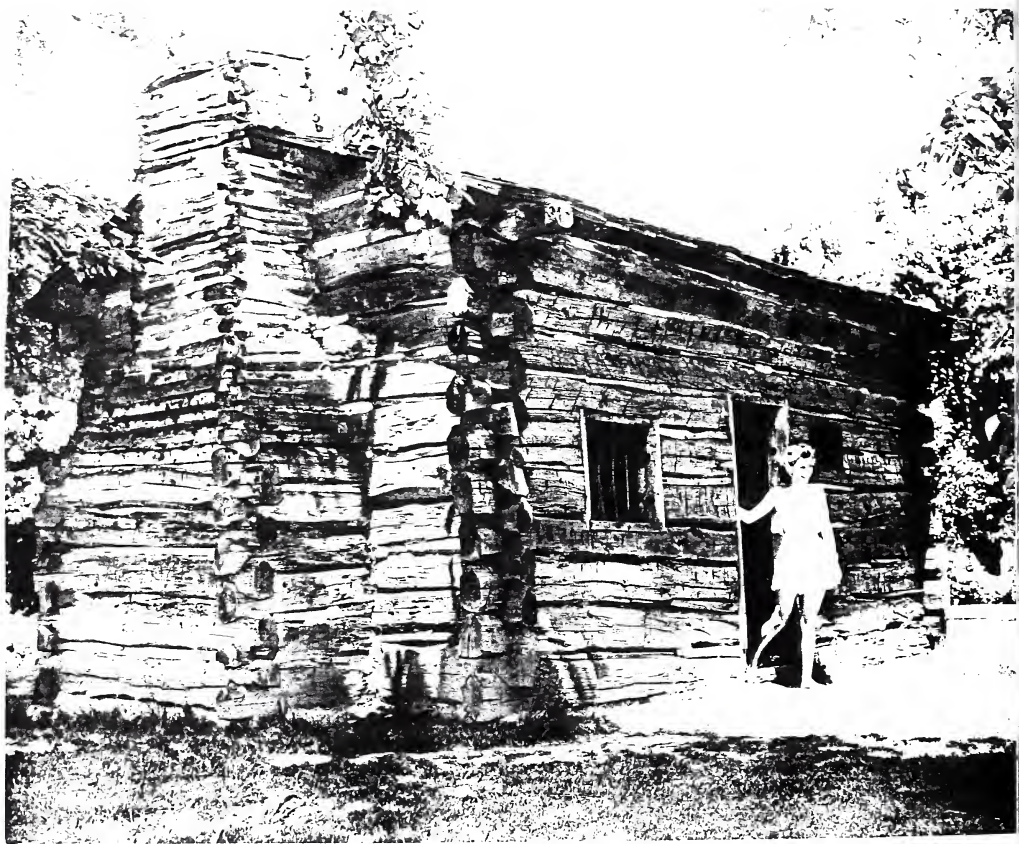


Replica of Lincoln's Birthplace (Foster Park)
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Replica of Lincoln's birthplace
(in Foster Park)
original in safe

Replica of Lincoln's Birthplace (Cross by Post)
original in soft



LINCOLN MEMORIAL

The first memorial to Lincoln was a cedar tree planted by one of his friends at Gentryville, Indiana, in 1830, just after the Lincoln family had moved to Illinois. It was called the "Abe Lincoln Cedar" and was a tribute to the abilities and honesty of the young man as he had impressed himself upon his early friends.

This "Abe Lincoln Cedar" commemorates the first memorial and perpetuates our homage to Lincoln's sterling virtues. It is given by F.M. Bennes, Thief River Falls, Minnesota, salesman for The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of Fort Wayne.



THE ABE LINCOLN CEDAR MEMORIAL

This picture of The Abe Lincoln Cedar in Foster Park, Fort Wayne, shows well the sturdy cedar tree and its marker.

The tree was brought from Virginia and is of the same variety as that planted by Lincoln's friend ninety years ago. It is given by E. M. Bennes, Minnesota, winner of the Cedar Tree Contest, the salesmen's contest for April.



IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

Thousands Attended Service Which Dedicated Lincoln Memorials

Two thousand people attended the ceremonies which gave the city of Fort Wayne the Abe Lincoln Memorial Cedar and the Lincoln Memorial Cabin, an exact reproduction of the Kentucky log hut in which Abraham Lincoln was born. The services were held in Foster Park, by the side of the memorials, on Sunday afternoon, August 22nd.

Frederick Landis, author of "The Copperhead," delivered the principal address. In a series of vivid word pictures he showed Lincoln as the ambitious boy, bending over a rude pine board on which he wrote with charcoal; he portrayed Lincoln, the storekeeper, the river boatman, the county lawyer; he told of Lincoln in politics and of the war time trials in which that cabin-born patriot displayed the spirit which has made his name immortal.

Our President Speaks

Samuel M. Foster, president of Lincoln Life, formally presented the cedar tree and Lincoln Cabin to the city of Fort Wayne.

He said that the purpose of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in erecting these memorials is to offer an object lesson in the possibilities of American citizenship.

"It remains for me only to make formal delivery of these memorials to the representatives of the city and the particular department that has jurisdiction of its parks. This I now do: Mr. President of the park board, expressing the hope that by the worthy action of our company this community may get a new and keener conception of the truth that "honor and shame from no condition rise," and may be brought into a closer and more constant association with the memory of the greatest product of American democracy, the world's greatest exponent of the hopes and aspirations of the common people."

Park Head Talks

D. N. Foster, brother of Samuel M. Foster, head of the Fort Wayne Park Commission, officially received these memorials on behalf of the city. After paying tribute to Lincoln, he closed his address by:—

"As president of our board of park commissioners, it becomes my pleasing duty to accept these gifts from the hands of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, whom you gentlemen represent. The erection by you of this reproduction of the lowly birthplace of the immortal Lincoln, was a fine, patriotic thing for you to do, and is indicative of the spirit of your organization, which is conducted in the interests of the home, and the loved ones within it, whether that home be a mansion or a cabin.

"This cabin will easily stand a hundred years to come, and when its timbers do finally decay, it will again be reproduced by a Lincoln National Life In-

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CUP STAYS SOUTH

The Hall Cup will stay in Dixie for another year. The E. Colwell, Jr., Agency won the selling contest for May for the second time by paying for the largest volume of business for the fifth month of 1920. If the E. Colwell, Jr., Agency, of North Carolina, wins the cup in 1921, the Hall trophy will remain the permanent property of that sales force.

The business of the E. Colwell, Jr., Agency was divided among four salesmen, giving an advantage over the large Lincoln Life agencies of twenty-five to thirty agents in which the total volume of business for the agency for May had to be divided many times in meeting the Hall contest requirements.

It's Down in Piedmont Country.



The Hall Cup

The Home Office Agency was second in the Hall Cup contest, the O. F. Gilliom Agency, Indiana, was third, and the R. E. L. Hitt Agency, Oklahoma, was fourth.

The cup standing now is:

- 1911—W. H. Ingham Agency.
- 1912—W. C. Bishop Agency.
- 1913—J. M. Grace Agency.
- 1914—W. C. Bishop Agency.
- 1915—H. P. Ingham Agency.
- 1916—O. F. Gilliom Agency.
- 1917-18—Home Office Agency.
- 1919-20—E. Colwell, Jr., Agency.

Henry Copilovich	20
W. J. Eganont	20
R. E. Wilcox	20
H. G. Boardway	19
Dillard & Francis	19
Ernest Greene	18
S. H. Jones	17
L. H. Noel	17
L. E. Warner	16
H. E. Curtis	15
Fred W. Knott	14
H. G. Swift	14
Geo. E. Tuttle	13
S. A. Bardwell	12
Gordon W. Grant	12
U. B. Higdon	12
Thos. M. Knox	12
P. J. McGreevey	12
W. H. Merriman	12
G. C. Moser	12
C. A. Pray	12
John Spear	12
E. H. Johnson	11
Edw. Lariviere	11
J. B. Oakes	11
G. B. Sessions	11
H. B. Bare	10
E. L. Cote	10
H. H. DeWall	10
Clyde Leach	10
S. J. C. Moore	10
J. A. Sandham	10
R. J. Stough	10

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IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

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Insurance Company grown to be one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the entire world, and for all these years this cabin shall teach its lesson of patriotism to succeeding generations of the youth of Fort Wayne and awaken within them a realizing sense of the great opportunities of American citizenship.

"Gentlemen of the Lincoln Life, we accept these gifts of yours on behalf of our city and thank you for them, and assure you of the interest we shall always take in their care and protection."

Music was furnished by the Elks Band and by the Hayden quartette, one of the best known vocal quartettes in northern Indiana.

The Rev. A. J. Folsom pronounced the benediction.

John F. Selb	\$30,000	1	D. F. O'Neill & Andrew McKay	1
Roy Dilts	\$25,000	2	S. H. Jones & Thos. Ose	2
H. F. Singleton	\$20,000	1	H. L. Askew	1
Ernest Greene	\$15,000	1	S. A. Bardwell	1
G. F. Lofthouse		1	W. E. Campbell	1
John T. Lynch		1	D. S. Long	1
John J. Spear		1	R. C. Lowes	3
B. G. Vanlyke	\$13,000	1	C. E. Mohr & J. O. Owens	1
E. L. Cote	\$10,000	1	O. D. Phillips	1
P. S. Hallman		1	J. E. Raymond	1
J. L. Hart		1	Rettig Singer	1
Arthur A. Powell		1	John J. Spear	1
Ivar Rund		1	Harry Strait	1
L. H. Noel & O. M. Young		1	J. P. Trickett	2
S. H. Jones & Martin Aas		2	P. B. Duryea	1
H. J. Simon & A. B. Brandt		1	H. G. Everett	2
C. M. Jackson & Heldridge		1	F. M. Exline	1
& McLeod		1	R. E. L. Hitt	1
			W. H. Ingham	1
			J. F. Flippin	1
			J. N. Garrett	2
			O. F. Gilliom	1

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HOW BENNES WINS

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ducers for that company before it was taken over by The Lincoln Life.

He transferred his loyalty and all his energies to The Lincoln when the merger of the two companies was made and he has carried on with a vigor which gave him first place for personal production for all Lincoln Life agents in 1918 and was a runner-up for first honors last year.

At a glance his consistency in production is revealed in the monthly statements for the year ending July 10th.

Month	Year	Number of Applications	Business Written
July 10-31, 1919		15	\$ 35,000
August, 1919		33	56,500
September, 1919		21	61,000
October, 1919		41	78,500
November, 1919		21	40,000
December, 1919		11	25,000
January, 1920		31	60,000
February, 1920		60	160,500
March, 1920		32	86,500
April, 1920		57	153,500
May, 1920		50	123,500
June, 1920		36	105,500
July 1-10, 1920		33	99,500
		441	\$1,084,500

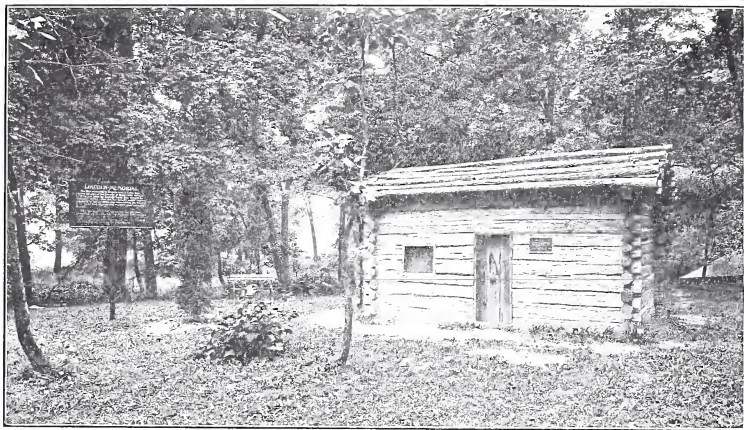
Since January 1st, 1920, Mr. Bennes has submitted \$808,500 of business and expects the volume to mount over \$1,000,000 before December 31st.



Replica of Abraham Lincoln's birthplace in Hodgenville, Ky., which forms part of the Lincoln Group. The logs and timbers in this cabin are more than a century old.

*Reverse side
Kauffmann & Fabry Co.
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Century of Progress Chicago 1933*

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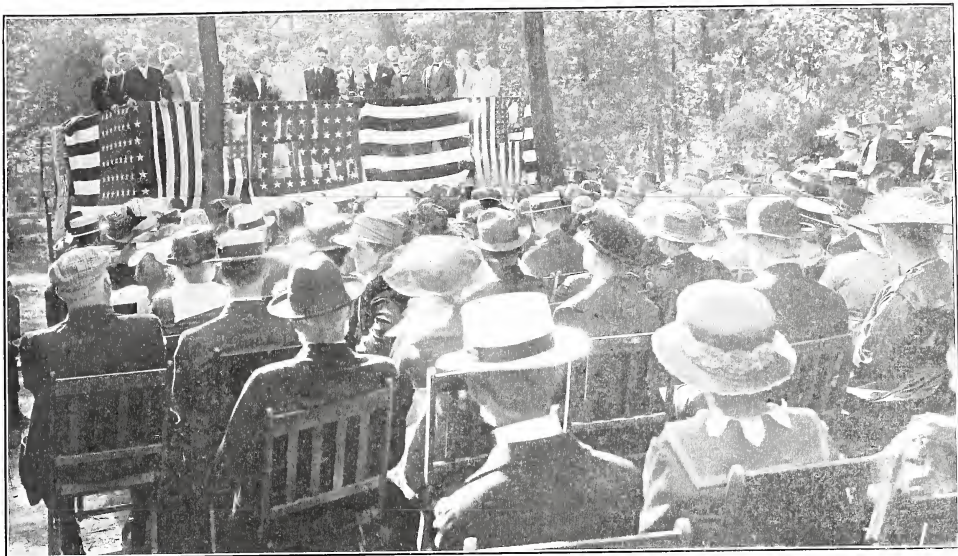


Exact Facsimile of the Log Cabin in Which Abraham Lincoln Was Born—Memorial Cedar at Left Center

16th

7th Wagon Road

Shelby, Conn. State H.



Dedication Exercises of Lincoln Cabin, August 22, 1920—Hon. Frederick T Landis, Orator of the Day

SPEECH BY SAMUEL M. FOSTER ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY
IN PRESENTING THE LINCOLN CABIN TO THE CITY
August 22, 1920

(Followed address by Hon. Frederick Landis)

It remains for me only to make formal delivery of these memorials to the representatives of the city and the particular department that has jurisdiction of its parks. This I now do: Mr. President of the park board, expressing the hope that by the worthy action of our company this community may get a new and keener conception of the truth that "honor and shame from no condition arise," and may be brought into a closer and more constant association with the memory of the greatest product of American democracy, the world's greatest exponent of the hopes and aspirations of the common people.

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Dedicate Lincoln Log Cabin July 4

Ceremony In Foster Park Will Precede News-Sentinel Fireworks Display.

The reconstructed Lincoln log cabin in Foster Park will be dedicated on July 4th just prior to the annual display of fireworks sponsored by The News-Sentinel. The time of the dedication has been set at 6:30 o'clock, and the program will consist of the reading of the Declaration of Independence, a dedicatory address by Dr. Louis A. Warren, director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation; the recitation of the Gettysburg Address and several musical numbers by The News-Sentinel Boys' Band.

The cabin, which is an exact replica of the Lincoln birthplace, cabin in the memorial building at Hodgenville, Ky., was first constructed in Foster Park in 1920 by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and presented to the city. During the years it deteriorated to the extent that rebuilding was made necessary. The cabin has now been rebuilt by Lincoln Life and relocated on a more favorable site near the entrance to the park. It is surrounded on three sides by an old rail fence and the landscaping has been arranged to harmonize with a pioneer cabin home. The furnishings for the cabin were obtained in Kentucky in the county where Abraham Lincoln was born and where the original cabin now stands.

"This new memorial project will add much to Fort Wayne's park system and will make a distinct contribution to the fame of the city as a center of historical interest. It also will allow the thousands of persons who visit the Lincoln Library and Museum of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company to visualize the home in which Abraham Lincoln was born," Dr. Warren said.

New York

Vandals Break Into Lincoln Cabin In Park; Roof Smashed

Considerable damage was done by vandals who broke into the Lincoln Cabin in Foster Park between 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Adolph Jaenicke, superintendent of parks, reported to the Board of Park Commissioners Thursday afternoon.

A candlestick of the Lincoln period was stolen, furniture overturned and broken and the roof smashed. A large safety lock on the cabin door was broken to permit entrance.



"Its name indicates its character"

AGENCY DEPARTMENT
WALTER T. SHEPARD
VICE-PRESIDENT AND MANAGER OF AGENCIES
A. L. DERN
SUPERINTENDENT OF AGENCIES
V. J. HARROLD
ASST. SUPERINTENDENT OF AGENCIES

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

FORT WAYNE INDIANA

January 19, 1927

HELP TO REBUILD THE LINCOLN LOG CABIN

At this season our thoughts go back to that log cabin in the wilderness of Kentucky where, on a blustering February night, Abraham Lincoln was born.

There was nothing of culture or refinement; no adornment save the woodsman's axe and gun to relieve its rough hewn logs; no human comforts which we consider necessities today. Yet no castle in all its beauty, no structure towering upward in matchless splendor of marble and bronze can compare with the glory illuming that humble pioneer home which cradled Abraham Lincoln.

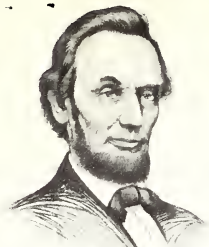
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HERE IS THE PLAN

1. Applications to represent the logs for the Cabin.
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3. Agents submitting ten or more applications during February will receive as a prize a small metal Lincoln Log Cabin. It will make an attractive desk piece.

Begin now to plan your February campaign. I am counting upon you to help rebuild the Lincoln Log Cabin.

Sincerely yours,



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Dear Mr.

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company has always stressed as a patriotic duty and service, the observance of the birthday month of Abraham Lincoln. Naturally our thoughts go back to that Log Cabin in the wilderness of old Kentucky, where on a blustering February night, as the storms and sleet of winter beat upon its ~~stone~~ walls and the snow drove in upon the dirt floor, was born one of the world's immortals. ~~The glow from the open fireplace revealed the rough interior, as the wind roared in the yawning chimney and swept through the forests without.~~

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which was
In the rude bed lay Nancy Hanks Lincoln and her babe. For the ~~coming~~ of mother love had come to that abode of poverty and the forest solitude sheltered a new scion of the house of Lincoln. There was nothing of cultural refinement; no adornment save the woodsmans axe and gun to relieve its rough hewn logs; no human comforts ~~or tender ministrations~~ such as are considered necessities today. Yet no castle in all its beauty; no structure towering upward in matchless splendor of marble and bronze can compare with the glory illuming that humble pioneer home which cradled Abraham Lincoln. ~~How shall we pay homage to his memory?~~

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What more fitting tribute could Lincoln National Life Men pay in 1927 than to build again in memory of his birthday month Lincoln Cabin of 1809. ~~How shall we reconstruct its historic lines?~~ By a special drive by all Lincoln Men in February. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

life agents
HERE IS THE PLAN

1. Applications to represent the log for the Cabin.
2. Tags representing logs, ~~xxxxxx~~ sent to each agent in advance, will be attached to applications written and sent in to the Home Office during February, designating the work of the AGENTS in the Log Cabin Drive.
3. Agents submitting ten or more applications during February will receive as a prize a miniature Lincoln Log Cabin, complete in every detail, indicating the part he has played in paying homage to the memory of Abraham Lincoln and his birthday month in 1927.

replicas
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

The Log Cabin are beautiful specimens of workmanship and you will certainly want to win one. ~~As~~ Aside from the romance and historic interest, no other desk ornament for a Lincoln Life Man could carry such an appeal. Begin now to plan your February campaign, ~~Marshall~~ your prospects. Then make February your outstanding month in the true Lincoln Life spirit which ~~he~~ knows such work as fail. I am personally counting upon you as a Cabin ~~Builder~~ and hope to see in the February drive one of our most notable achievements. Success to you, *lets go*

W T. S.

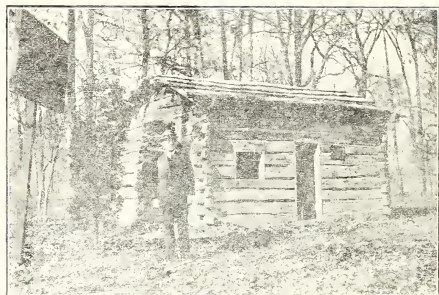


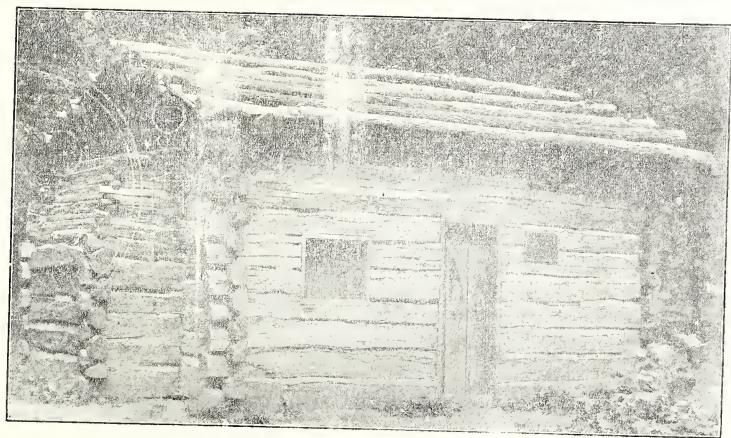
LINCOLN COACH CONSTRUCTED OF MATERIAL SALVAGED FROM THE OLD ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, WHICH MR. LINCOLN DEDICATED IN A SPEECH IN 1854.

This coach was constructed in its entirety, even to the original nails, from this material by C. W. Hotz, Proprietor of the Hotel Argus, 214 S. Fourth St. The coach is a replica of the school which stood near New Salem in 1833. The coach is used to house the famous Lincoln collection of Mr. Hotz who uses it in educational work in his travels to various sections of the country.

This coach will be exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair.







Cost of Reproduction Cabin

Preservation	150.
Rail Fences	185
Food & Feeding Money	44.28
Furnishings	64.50
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	443.78

Anderson M. O. E.

1820 Alabama St.

Built the Simole Cabin

January 3, 1935

Mr. O. E. Anderson
1820 Alabama Avenue
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter is to confirm your agreement to go ahead with the reconstruction of the Lincoln cabin in Foster Park.

It appears to me that your figures are very reasonable indeed and we hereby authorize you to go ahead as specified in your letter and reconstruct the Lincoln cabin at your estimated cost of \$65.00.

We are authorizing Mr. Jaenicke of the Park Board to superintend the work and this letter is your authority for contacting him with reference to the rebuilding of the cabin.

The specifications, of course, do not include the building of a rail fence, about which Mr. Jaenicke might desire to secure your assistance. If so, we will be very happy to reimburse you for such costs as are involved in the building of the fence which seem reasonable to Mr. Jaenicke.

It seems to me that in the construction of this fence an old-fashioned stile should be built to break the stretch of fence and it should be located approximately in the center where a good approach to the cabin door could be made.

If you should need further instructions during the progress of the work other than can be given by Mr. Jaenicke, you may get in touch with Miss Elizabeth O'Rourke here at the Lincoln Life building.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LN
CC:ADOLPH JAENICKE

Director

January 3, 1936

Mr. Adolph Jaenicke
Board of Park Commissioners
City Hall
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Jaenicke:

You will observe by the attached letter that we have authorized Mr. Anderson to go ahead with the removal of the log cabin and it occurs to me that we should also authorize you to superintend the work as has been indicated in my letter to Mr. Anderson.

You will please observe the suggestion made about building a stile in the rail fence to break the sameness of it all and appears to me that a stone pathway might be made from there to the doorway.

I am sure you will know how to fix it up without my offering any further suggestions and, of course, we will be very anxious to cooperate in any other way to beautify and harmonize the entire atmosphere with that period of long ago down in Kentucky.

You will observe from my letter to Mr. Anderson that if any further instructions are needed from this office you are to contact Miss Elizabeth O'Rourke.

Thanking you heartily for the fine cooperation you have shown, I am

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH

Director

P.S. Might not the evergreen tree close by the cabin which was a part of the original project be moved to the cabin site to harmonize with what you have in mind about the shrubbery and trees to be used. L.A.W.

June 29, 1936

Mr. R Gerald McMurtry
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Dear Gerald:

I dropped you a brief note yesterday suggesting some other items that we might be able to use for the cabin and have also just written your mother with reference to her interest in our acquisition.

It has occurred to me that if some old rug or old bedspread might be acquired at a very nominal sum, it might add somewhat to the collection although, of course, I do not know whether or not there would be danger from a leaky roof.

We are looking forward to the dedication with interest and I think it will add much to our Lincoln exhibit here at Fort Wayne.

You will please find enclosed a copy of a letter I have sent today to Dr. McClelland.

Very truly yours

LAW:AAM
Enc.

Director

July 3, 1936

Mr. L. L. Hotchkiss
Boy Scout Headquarters
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Hotchkiss:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the program for the exercises dedicating the restored Lincoln cabin at Foster Park.

Dr. Warren asked me to send this to you, and I presume that all arrangements have been made concerning the part the boy scouts are to have in the program. Dr. Warren is out of the city and I do not expect him back until noon tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Dr. Warren

July 3, 1936

Mr. Adolph Jaenicke
Board of Park Commissioners
City Hall
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Jaenicke:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the program for the exercises dedicating the restored Lincoln cabin at Foster Park. I am very sorry that we could not get it finished and forwarded to you before.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Dr. Warren

Fort Wayne, Indiana, Dec 30 1935

Mrs S. G. Warren

Lincoln Life Bldg

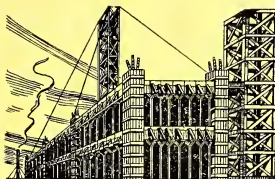
O. E. ANDERSON
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

PHONE ANTHONY 37703
A 48191

1820 ALABAMA AVENUE

I agree to move the Lincoln casket in
Foster Park from its present location
to the new proposed location use new material
& logs where missing and decayed and
age same to match the rest of the coffin
as near as possible with creosote & lead
& oil, chunk up cracks & openings and
mortar joints colored to resemble Kentucky
clay, plaster fireplace using cement
mortar placing new door in doorway
Fence of 1 in pipe lagged to window frame
for the sum of \$25.00

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OFFICE PHONE ANTHONY 6295

FORT WAYNE, IND.

December 4, 1935.

Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Att: Mr. Warren.

Dear Sir:

As per your request, we are mailing you the approximate cost as to the moving of the old Lincoln Cabin in Foster Park.

To move same out to Broadway, place it on four piers, repair the building, as it needs several new logs and several new purlins on the roof, and an entirely new clap-board roof, and to point up all places between the logs that evidently will fall away while moving, the approximate cost of this would be between FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$528.00) and FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$580.00).

Hoping this will be some help to you in determining whether or not you will do anything with it, we remain,

Yours very truly,

RUMP-KINTZ COMPANY

per F. J. Rump.

FR:G

*most fence
=
still leaning
in cabin.
house up job
no very good
structure (sublet)*

J. E. Anderson
Hoboken, N. J.
A 42121



REPLICA OF LINCOLN CABIN—This Foster Park scene taken by N. G. Bauer, 1824 Pontiac, for prize winning Photo Contest of Park Board.



May 27, 1936

Mr. Herman Gerdon
Fort Wayne News-Sentinel
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Sir:

Mr. Adolph Jasnicke of the Park Board has suggested that you would be pleased to cooperate with us in a dedicatory service of the Lincoln cabin at Foster Park on July 4.

Have you any suggestions to offer which would tie in the usual July 4 program with the dedication? If so, I would be very glad indeed to hear from you.

Very truly yours

LAW:LH

Director

The News-Sentinel

Fort Wayne, Indiana

June 3rd, 1936

Mr. Louis A. Warren
Lincoln National
Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Mr. Warren:--

In reply to your letter of May 27, I wish to state that our band will be most happy to cooperate with your organization in a dedicatory service of the Lincoln cabin at Foster Park on Saturday, July 4th.

In regard to the dedicatory service I should like to suggest that it be held in the early evening, say about 6 P. M. and that a program of about one hour be arranged. Folks begin coming to the park about this time for the fireworks display and having both celebrations following one another will meet with much greater success.

Possibly the best way would be should I be able to meet with you and Mr. Jaenicke at some convenient time and discuss this matter more thoroughly.

Thanking you for your kind invitation extended our band, I am

Sincerely,

Herman R. Gerdony
Announcer-Mgr.

The News-Sentinel Boys' Band

Fort Wayne, Indiana

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BY CLIFFORD B. WARD.

Commentator and Author of Column "Abracadabra."

The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel Boys' Band, directed by John L. Verweire, is an organization that is known not alone throughout the northern part of Indiana, but from coast to coast. Started in 1924, it has grown to such a size that it has been divided into two divisions, both uniformed bodies and both marked by unusual talent.

Mr. Verweire, active member of the American Bandmasters' Association, leader of the boys and builder of character—the supreme element in personality, is nationally known as a composer of band music and cornet soloist, has been highly successful in directing a number of Fort Wayne musical organizations.

The News-Sentinel Boys' Band has played an important part in increasing the good-will which the sponsoring newspaper enjoys throughout its territory, in addition to providing an opportunity for musical training to many youngsters who otherwise might not have had their interest along that line encouraged.

During the past seven years the band has given more than 350 public concerts in schools, parks, public buildings and in towns and cities near Fort Wayne. At no time has the band accepted compensation of any sort for its service. It has enjoyed the best of relations with musicians' unions, refraining from engagements that might be considered competitive to organized musicians' ranks.

Because of the friendships which have been formed among those who have played in the band, but who have been forced to drop these connections because of age, or employment, an alumni association comprising 525 members is now in progress of organization. One record of which the band is particularly proud is the number of former members who upon entering college obtained berths on the university bands. University bands throughout the United States include young men who obtained their first band experience with the band of which Mr. Verweire is Conductor.

The personnel of the so-called First Band is composed of sixty boys, all having graduated from the Second Band, but on many occasions both organizations are consolidated into one Concert Band comprising about one hundred and twenty musicians.

The band has as its official announcer, Herman F. Gerdorn, who is also the manager of the organization. Miss Emel Rebecca Verweire, pianist is the band's accompanist.

The following is one of their programs:

## PROGRAM

- (1) March, "Tribute to Sousa".....Edwin Franko Goldman
- (2) Overture, "Il Guarany".....(Arr. by Herbert L. Clarke).....A. C. Gomez
- (3) Entry of the Gods into Walhalla. Arranged by Capt. Charles O'Neill R. Wagner
- (4) March, "Civic Loyalty".....Dedicated to Herman F. Gerdorn.....John L. Verweire
- (5) In a Spanish City—Suite in Three Parts.....Capt. R. B. Hayward
- (6) Finale 1st Act of the Grand Opera, "La Tosca".....Giacomo Puccini
- (7) March, "On Parade".....Edwin Franko Goldman
- (8) The Star Spangled Banner.

In recognition of the fine cultural contribution which Mr. Verweire, director of the band, has made to the Fort Wayne community, Mayor Harry W. Davis, on behalf of the citizens of Fort Wayne, on Sunday, April 23, 1935, presented to Mr. Verweire a handsome gold medal and offered him an expression of public gratitude on the occasion of the band's three-hundredth public concert.

On Sunday, May 19, 1935, the Dominion of Canada, through His Majesty's Royal Grenadier Guards Band of Montreal, Canada, under direction of Lieut. J. J. Gagnier, paid special tribute to Mr. Verweire, over the NEC radio network for his splendid contributions to the world of music. This honor was accorded by Canada's most famous band under special permission of the Governor General and the Canadian Radio Commission.

Major H. E. Adkins, director of music of the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall, Twickenham, Middlesex, England, and a leader of military music in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in a special communication, dated July 23, 1935, complimented the work and success of the News-Sentinel Boys' Band and its conductor, John L. Verweire.

June 5, 1936

Mr. Herman Gerdony  
Announcer-Manager  
The News Sentinel Boy's Band  
The News-Sentinel  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Mr. Gerdony:

Some time next week we will attempt to have a conference with Mr. Jaenicke about the plans for the dedication of the little cabin out at Foster Park.

We had not had in mind an elaborate dedication, merely a program calling attention to the fact that the cabin has been moved from its earlier site to its present location.

We appreciate very much your willingness to cooperate in planning a program which will fit into the preliminary exercises you usually conduct at the Park on July 4.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln National Life Foundation



July 3, 1936

Mr. Herman Gerdon  
Announcer-Manager  
The News-Sentinel Boys' Band  
The News-Sentinel  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Gerdon:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the  
program for the exercises dedicating the restored  
Lincoln cabin at Foster Park.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Dr. Warren

July 7, 1936

Mr. R. Gerald McMurtry  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

My dear Gerald:

We certainly appreciate very much your very prompt action with reference to the Lincoln furniture and it arrived in time for us to have it put in place. We are very proud indeed of the appearance of the interior of the cabin and it is largely due, I feel sure, to your interest in the matter.

You will find enclosed a check to cover the amount expended, \$64.50.

Between five-thirty and eight-thirty o'clock on Fourth of July evening there were 1666 people who visited the cabin and we think it is going to prove to be a very interesting addition to our park system.

Will you please thank your mother also for the interest she has taken in the matter and I am going to allow this letter to serve as an answer to both her correspondence and her own.

You will be pleased to know that we had some logs placed on the andirons and an electrical attachment arranged so that it appeared as if they were afire in the fire place. This helped very much.

It was a pleasure indeed to write the letter of appreciation to Dr. McClelland and I am pleased, of course, that you feel it is suitable for its purpose as well as conveying to you a sense of appreciation for your work.

Very truly yours

LAW:LH  
Enc.

Director

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ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY  
June 11, 1936

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:

I was very glad to receive your letter and I have been trying to think of suitable furnishings for the Lincoln cabin. I am familiar with the Thomas Lincoln furniture that is here in Elizabethtown, and most of it is not suitable for a cabin and of course the prices of each piece is out of reason. I just recently saw a cherry sideboard that is supposed to have been made by Thomas Lincoln, and it a very fine piece of furniture, that would be suitable for a colonial mansion. I agree with you, I think all the cabin furniture should be very plain.

I have made up a list of what I consider would be suitable as furnishings, and I believe I could find all the items here with a little research. The list is as follows:

|                 |                                                |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Chest           | Iron utensils (kettle-shovel-poker)            |
| Chairs          | Rifle                                          |
| Corner cupboard | Coverlid (hand woven bedspread of wool & flax) |
| Cradle          | Gourds (Dipper & Salt)                         |
| Andirons        | Leg skillet                                    |
| Books           | Drop-leaf table                                |

I believe I can get all of the above mentioned items here, with the exception of the books which you could furnish. I am enclosing a drawing of two items, a corner cupboard and cradle both made of walnut which are for sale and can be purchased at a reasonable cost. The corner cupboard is in fair condition and looks very much like the cupboard that belongs to J.O. Dever that Thomas Lincoln made. The cradle is only in fair condition but would be suitable for your purpose.

I can secure an old rifle for you at a cost of about \$ 5.00, and I also can procure for you a walnut drop-leaf table for \$ 10.00.

As soon as I hear from you again I shall know exactly what you wish to purchase. I shall be very glad to assist you in any way that I can in collecting this old furniture.

I will arrive in Fort Wayne on June 20th. and will see you shortly thereafter.

Yours Sincerely

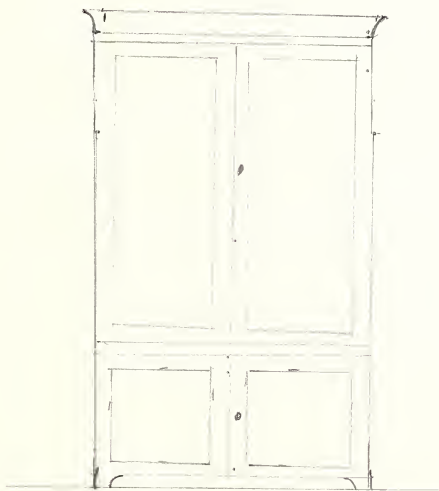
R. Gerald McMurtry

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June 17, 1936

Mr. P. Gerald McMurtry  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

Dear Gerald:

I am writing this letter so that it will reach you by the time you leave for Fort Wayne.

I have just had an opportunity to talk with Miss O'Rourke about the furniture, and it appears that we have about a hundred dollars to invest in it.

Of course we would not want anything reconditioned or refinished but would prefer the items as they may be picked up in their original state.

It appears to me that the corner cupboard might be a good buy if it were not for the fact that we would be putting about one-third of our appropriation in that one item.

The cradle you have drawn is a fine work of art, but I think it is a little too fine for Abe. I have in mind a plain board cradle without any decorative material, if possible.

Other items which I felt we should have among those mentioned in your letter are a bed, two chairs, a table, andirons, and a few items for the fire place.

If you get any further opportunity to make inquiries about the items before you leave, I would be very glad to talk the matter over with you when you arrive.

Inasmuch as we wish to dedicate this cabin all furnished on July 4, it looks as if we would have to put some speed in it.

Thank you very much for your interest and cooperation, and we will look forward to seeing you.

Very truly yours,

LAW/H

Director



HOKE-MCMURTRY INSURANCE AG'CY.  
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ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY

June 27, 1936.

Dr. L. A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

We had a letter from Gerald saying that you want the pieces of furniture that he had described to you and he sent explicit instructions for the shipment of same. We will send the furniture from here Monday morning if we get the cradle in time to have it crated this afternoon. In case we do not get it this afternoon it will have to be crated Monday morning which will delay the shipment for a few hours. The truckman assures us that it will reach Fort Wayne in plenty of time which I hope is true.

I am taking the liberty of substituting a crude bench or stool for one of the chairs. I believe you will like it and I think it very appropriate for your purpose. The cost of the stool will be very little, probably about \$2.00. I have seen the piece but have not actually bought it yet so I can not say definitely as to the price. However it will not be over \$2.00.

I am donating a gourd dipper and a candle mould which may add a decorative touch to the cabin if you wish to use them. We happened to have a surplus of both articles and I am glad to send them. I will let you know later as to the cost of the crating Etc.

Gerald tells me is enjoying his visit in Fort Wayne and had enjoyed a visit with you at the Museum. I think his work there was very enjoyable.

With very best wishes to you and the family, I am

Yours Sincerely,

*Mrs. L. B. Hoke*



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ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY

I surely do appreciate the very complimentary letter concerning me, which you sent to Dr. McClelland. I appreciate this favor and am also glad that you think that much of my ability.

It was a real pleasure to visit you last week, and to see how much progress the Foundation is making.

Hoping you will visit Kentucky soon, I remain

Yours Very Truly

*R. Gerald McMurtry*  
R. Gerald McMurtry

P.S. It is my opinion that a few logs placed on the Andersons in the fire place will greatly improve the general appearance of the interior of the Cabin.

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ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY

June 29, 1936.

Dr. L. A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

We shipped the furniture to you this morning by truck to Louisville then to Fort Wayne via interurban. I hope it reaches you in good condition. Mr. Hoke suggests that you have the table sandpapered and then coated with linseed oil. The oil should then be wiped off which will give the table a darker shade and will be a natural finish for the wood. He would have been glad to do this but thought you might have other plans. That is the finish that is on the cupboard and we like it better than varnish.

The rag rug and the small iron utensil ~~were~~ donated by Mrs. A. H. Douglas from whom we bought the chair and stool. If you can not use these things just discard them as they are of small value.

I will send you an itemized statement as soon as I can get the bill from the truck company which will probably be tomorrow as they have the freight weighed in Louisville.

Hoping that you are pleased with the furniture and with best wishes,  
I am

Yours very truly,

Nellie B. Hoke -



June 29, 1936

Mrs. L. B. Hoke  
Elizabethtown, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Hoke:

Thank you very much for your very prompt action with reference to the items for the Lincoln cabin.

Last evening I wrote Gerald to the effect that he might invest another \$25.00 in various little items for the mantel or fireplace or any other items which you feel would help to give the cabin a finer appearance.

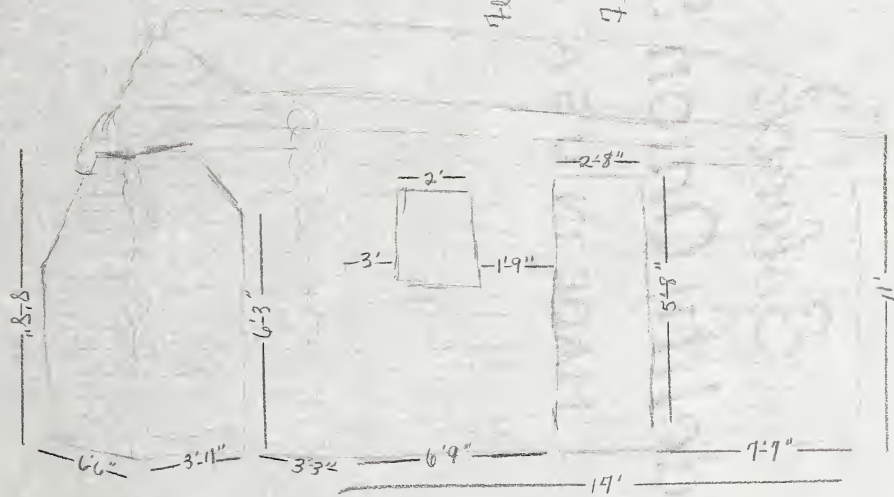
Thank you very much for the dipper and candle mould which you are sending and I am sure they will add much to the appearance of the cabin.

As soon as you know the cost of this material, if you will advise us, we will be pleased to send a check by return mail.

Very truly yours

LAW:AAM

Director



Floor to ridge pole  
14'

Floor to eaves  
9'

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HOKE-MCMURTRY INSURANCE AG'CY.  
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ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY

July 1, 1936.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

I received your two letters in regard to the furniture, and I have made an effort to secure some more items. It seems that fire place fixtures are hard to find and I am only sending you a pair of andirons. I am also sending you a coverlet that is hand woven from wool and flax that I think will serve your purpose for the bed. If you do not care for this coverlet it will be all right to return it. I could have secured a better one at a higher price but thought you would prefer this one

If you wish to eventually secure some more items in this line I will try to locate them for you. The following pieces have been sent to you:

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Cupboard | \$ 30.00 |
| Table    | 10.00    |
| Cradle   | 7.00     |
| Chair    | 2.00     |
| Stool    | 1.50     |
| Andirons | 2.00     |
| Coverlet | 5.00     |

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\$ 57.50

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| Lumber & Crating | 5.00 |
| Trucking         | 2.00 |

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Total \$ 64.50

It is my sincere wish that you will be pleased with all the furnishings. I feel that the furniture and fixtures are all correct as to type and period. I am anxious to know how the interior of the cabin will look, and if Sheldon Hine makes some interior photographs I would like to have some, as well as one of the cabin.

*Spiegel 3.72*

# Restored Lincoln Cabin in Foster Park Is Dedicated

*98 9-5-36 John Seawell*

THE RESTORED and re-located replica of the Lincoln birthplace cabin in Foster park was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies yesterday evening, and a large crowd heard Dr. Louis A. Warren, director of the Lincoln foundation of the Lincoln National Life Insurance company, make the dedicatory address.

The Lincoln Life company recently reconstructed the cabin in a more favorable location and furnished it with antiques acquired in the county where Abraham Lincoln was born. A rail fence has also been constructed around the cabin to give it real pioneer atmosphere.

The cabin was originally dedicated on August 22, 1920, and was presented to the city by Samuel M. Foster on behalf of the Lincoln National Life Insurance company. It was accepted for the city by D. N. Foster. Deterioration through the years made it necessary to rebuild the cabin.

Adolph Jaenicke, superintendent of city parks, presided at the dedication. A. J. McAndless, executive vice-president of the Lincoln Life company presented the restored cabin to the city on whose behalf it was accepted by former Judge D. Burns Douglass. The Gettysburg address was read, and a musical program was presented.

## Tells Story of Lincoln

Dr. Warren's dedicatory address followed in part:

"The story of Abraham Lincoln's nativity, as it is usually presented, has contributed much to the legendary aspects of the folk lore which has grown up with reference to his early years. The surroundings of the Lincoln's Kentucky cabin and a stable in Bethlehem of Judea have often been described with striking similarity. No dwelling place in all the world is more quickly associated with an historical character than the house of logs which has been used in many lands as a symbol of opportunity.

"While it is admitted that Lincoln was born in a one-room log cabin withdrawn from the centers of population, it is equally true that the home was no more humble than the birth-

places of thousands of boys who helped to shape the destinies of the new nation. In fact this Lincoln birthplace cabin might be exhibited as a typical pioneer residence at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

"The occupants of this abode have been done a great injustice when set apart as the riffling of the western frontier. They were no more illiterate than the vast majority of brave people who first settled in the wilderness. It is true that they were subjected to the privations of both body and mind that all the pioneers suffered, but these parents gave to Abraham Lincoln a home environment as helpful and wholesome as that enjoyed by the average pioneer boy.

## Not on Squatters' Domain

"The cabin originally stood on a tract of land which Thomas Lincoln had purchased from William Bush in 1808. It was not situated on a squatter's domain as has often been alleged. The Lincoln land was in that part of Hardin county, Ky., that later became LaRue county. The home place was three miles south of Hodgson's mill, around which mill the town of Hodgenville was later to spring up. The immediate site of the cabin was nearby a spring called Sinking Spring. It faced west on the old Cumberland road which passed directly in front of the cabin.

"It is likely that the cabin was already standing on the farm when Thomas Lincoln bought it. If he had built a new cabin upon the land he would have been more reluctant to leave it two years later and move to another farm on the same road eight miles north of the birthplace location. Of this fact we are certain, Abraham Lincoln lived in the cabin in which he was born but two years.

"While land transactions indicate that there were improvements on the Lincoln farm after the Lincoln's removal, it was not until 1852 that a direct reference was made to a dwelling on the property. A deed made at this time referred to 'the spring where the said Horne now lives.' Eight different owners had been in possession of the farm and cabin after the Lincoln's left and previous to the purchase by Horne.

## Old Cabin Saved

"The first person to take an interest in preserving the old cabin was Dr. George Rodman, a practicing physician and an admirer of Lincoln, who owned property one mile north of the Lincoln farm. Some time after Lincoln's election to the presidency, after paying a visit to Lincoln in Washington, Rodman purchased the birthplace cabin of the president from Richard Creal and had it moved to his own farm.

"The next individual who showed an interest in the cabin was A. W. Denette, of New York, who purchased the cabin from John Davenport, then the owner of the Rodman property. Denette also purchased that part of the original Lincoln farm containing the famous spring and old home site. He moved the cabin back to the farm, but rebuilt it on an elevation just back of where it stood at the

"The cabin was destined to occupy this site but a short time before being removed by Denette for exhibition purposes and it was shown at many different points throughout the country, including the Nashville centennial in 1894 and at the Buffalo exposition as late as 1901. When Denette started to move the cabin from place to place, he had each of the one hundred and forty-three logs numbered, so that they might be put together correctly with each log in its place. After its long exhibition itinerary it was acquired by David Creer and stored in the old Poffenhause mansion on Long island.

"The Lincoln Farm association acquired possession of the cabin in 1906, and it was shipped to Louisville, Ky., the same year, where it was exhibited at the Louisville home coming celebration. It was then put in storage in the city until 1908 when it was shipped to Hodgenville and reconstructed for the exercises arranged in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth. At this time there was laid the cornerstone of the structure which was especially designed to house the cabin. After the ceremonies the logs were returned to Louisville.

"The building planned to enclose the cabin was erected on the elevation where Denette placed the rebuilt cabin in 1894. When the memorial building was completed in 1911, the cabin was reconstructed within its walls, where it has since remained."

ance address. Adolph Jaenicke, Superintendent of City Parks, presided.

## Traces History of Cabin

Dr. Warren traced history of the birthplace cabin of the Emancipator which now is preserved at Hodgenville, Ky. Excerpts from his dedicatory talk follow:

"The surroundings of the Lincoln's Kentucky cabin and a stable in Bethlehem of Judea have often been described with striking similarity. No dwelling place in all the world is more quickly associated with an historical character than the house of logs which has been used in many lands as a symbol of opportunity.

"While it is admitted that Lincoln was born in a one-room log cabin withdrawn from the centers of population, it is equally true that the home was no more humble than the birthplaces of thousands of boys who helped to shape the destinies of the new Nation. In fact this Lincoln birthplace cabin might be exhibited as a typical pioneer residence at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century."

*Journal - Denette  
July 5, '36.*



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Replica of the log cabin in  
which Lincoln was born,  
standing in Foster Park.  
(Staff Photo.)

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By TOM R. GILLIAM

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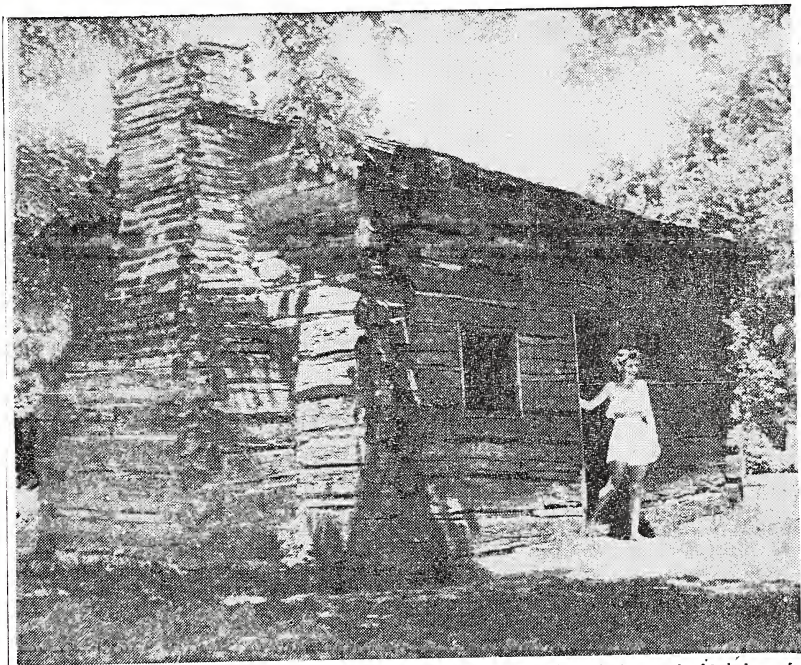
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November 4, 1957

Dear Allen:

I received this clipping anonymously. It concerns the Lincoln Life's cabin of Lincoln at Foster Park. Shall we fix it up or tear it down?

Gerald

No adult comment can muffle the sound of youth's illusions shattering themselves on reality.

"But to our surprise it tumbled into a tool shed as we mentioned a while ago. Your friends, Sharon and Jimmy Romashowski."

"Dear Mr. Milnor: My brother and I went to Foster Park. The gatherer turned Lincoln's Log Cabin into a tool shed. My Mother told us that it would be fixed up like it was when Lincoln lived in it."

The letters bore the marks of painstaking care. The capital letters went exactly up to the next line; the small letters were exactly half that size. The lines were widely spaced. The message, in its entirety, was:

"Dear Mr. Milnor: My brother and I went to Foster Park. The gatherer turned Lincoln's Log Cabin into a tool shed. My Mother told us that it would be fixed up like it was when Lincoln lived in it."

**No Comment for SHAM**



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1994 memo to file  
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The Lincoln birth cabin replica in Foster Park

**DIMENSIONS:** According to Journal-Gazette article 6/11/1950, cabin is 17' x 13'. Door is 5'8" x 2'8". Window is 2' x 2'. Fireplace is 6'6" wide, 3'11" deep. A pencil drawing in the file indicates floor to ridge pole height of 14', floor to eaves height 9', ground to eaves 11'. No height is given for the stick chimney outside the cabin, which appears in photographs to extend about 2' above the rooftop.

These dimensions are the same as those of the replica at Hodgenville, and are smaller than those of the original cabin. The Foster Park structure is a replica of a replica, not of the actual cabin.

**HISTORY:** Orig. Foster Park replica built 1916 or 1917.

8/22/1920 LN presents replica to the city

12/30/1935 O.E. Anderson contracts to move and repair cabin replica for \$65. Other contractor bid \$528-580 for same job! Part of Anderson's proposal is to "chink up cracks & openings and mortar [sic] joints colored to resemble Kentucky clay...."

1936 McMurtry bought various small items used to furnish the cabin. Dedication ceremony July 4, 1936.

6/11/1950 Journal-Gazette article mentions that period furnishings were removed after cabin was vandalized, and that the furnishings are now "stored away by the Park Board."

11/4/1957 Gerald [McMurtry] to Allen [?]: "I received this clipping anonymously. It concerns the Lincoln Life's cabin of Lincoln at Foster Park. Shall we fix it up or tear it down?" The clipping, titled "No Comment," describes a letter from a child who went with her brother to see the cabin and was surprised and disappointed to find it used as a tool shed. The words "FOR SHAME" have been handwritten across the top of the clipping.

The file contains articles describing other replicas of the birthplace cabin built in Hodgenville, Ky. at the birthplace memorial, on a private estate in Milton, Mass., in Wenatchee, Wash., San Marino, Cal., in the Chicago Historical Society, and at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago in 1933.

Currently (10/93) the cabin is used as a storage shed for park equipment. The door is padlocked and the single window is covered with a heavy metal screen. The chinking is in considerable disrepair. The setting of the cabin is very well-kept, however, with flower beds nearby, shade trees above, and trimmed grass around.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** It does seem a shame to leave it sitting out at the park neglected. One possibility is to fix the chinking, and install some kind of exhibit in the one window of the cabin so that viewers could see a picture of the interior of the cabin, instead of peeking through iron bars to see lawn tractors.

Another possibility is to incorporate the cabin into the new museum. It is clearly too big to fit in its entirety into the exhibit area. Perhaps we could dismantle it and put up as much as will fit on the museum floor to create an interior scene, or build it out from the wall of the museum into the lobby, which may have a higher ceiling.

I do not think it would be a violation of trust to take it down and reconstruct it at a new location, for several reasons. The cabin is only a replica of the inaccurate model at Hodgenville. The site in Foster Park has no historical significance. Also, Gerald McMurtry, who was heavily involved in preparing the cabin for its re-dedication to the city in 1936, contemplated tearing it down rather than leaving it as a tool shed; if was willing to consider such a drastic remedy, we should be equally willing to consider moving the cabin.





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## CRIME

### Vandals strike Foster Park's Lincoln cabin, Bridal Glen

By CINDY LARSON  
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Vandals struck Foster Park on Thursday night, damaging the Lincoln cabin, the Bridal Glen and various flower beds.

"Do the people who did this realize they pay for this?" said Mandy Fedock, who was there to observe the damage. Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation has an insurance policy, but the deductible is \$50,000, and taxpayers will foot the bill.

Larry Walter, manager of landscape and horticulture for the parks department, estimated damage would be in the thousands of dollars, but nowhere near \$50,000.

The Lincoln cabin, which sits near the Park Drive entrance, was dedicated in 1925, Walter said. The vandals tore down a chimney on the cabin. In the Bridal Glen, the heart-shaped archway was destroyed. The

#### Help solve the crime

Anyone with information about the vandalism that occurred Thursday night at Foster Park can call the Parks Department at 427-6000 or Fort Wayne Police at 427-1222.

vandals ripped up a bench from the Bridal Glen, and picked up another one and threw it down a hill. A stone wall near the glen also was damaged. Ornamental cabbage and mums were ripped out of flower beds and tossed aside.

"I just do not understand the motivation behind this type of destruction," Walter said. "We just deal with it, clean it up, put it back together and try to make it pretty again."

Fortunately no more weddings are scheduled in the Bridal Glen this year, and Walter said the damage would be repaired before next spring's weddings start.

## AGRICULTURE

### Glitches in technology prevent herd tracking

USDA will rely on the cattle industry to perfect a network to identify a diseased cow quickly.

By REBECCA BOONE  
of The Associated Press

EMMETT, Idaho — Federal policy is meeting Western reality on the rangelands of Idaho, where wide-open spaces, technological glitches and bitter cold all are potential obstacles to plans to track livestock and protect the food supply from disease and bioterrorism.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is trying to create a national network that would track, within

48 hours, every contact an infected animal has had in its life. The USDA says such tracking is necessary because it took only a single Holstein infected with mad cow disease last year to lead more than 30 countries to close their borders to U.S. beef.

As envisioned in Washington, D.C., the tracking network would cover not only cattle, but horses, poultry, bison, sheep, hogs and farmed fish. Farmers with a couple of milk cows would participate alongside ranchers with thousands of cattle. Even kids who raise and exhibit an animal as a 4-H project would be part of the network.

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